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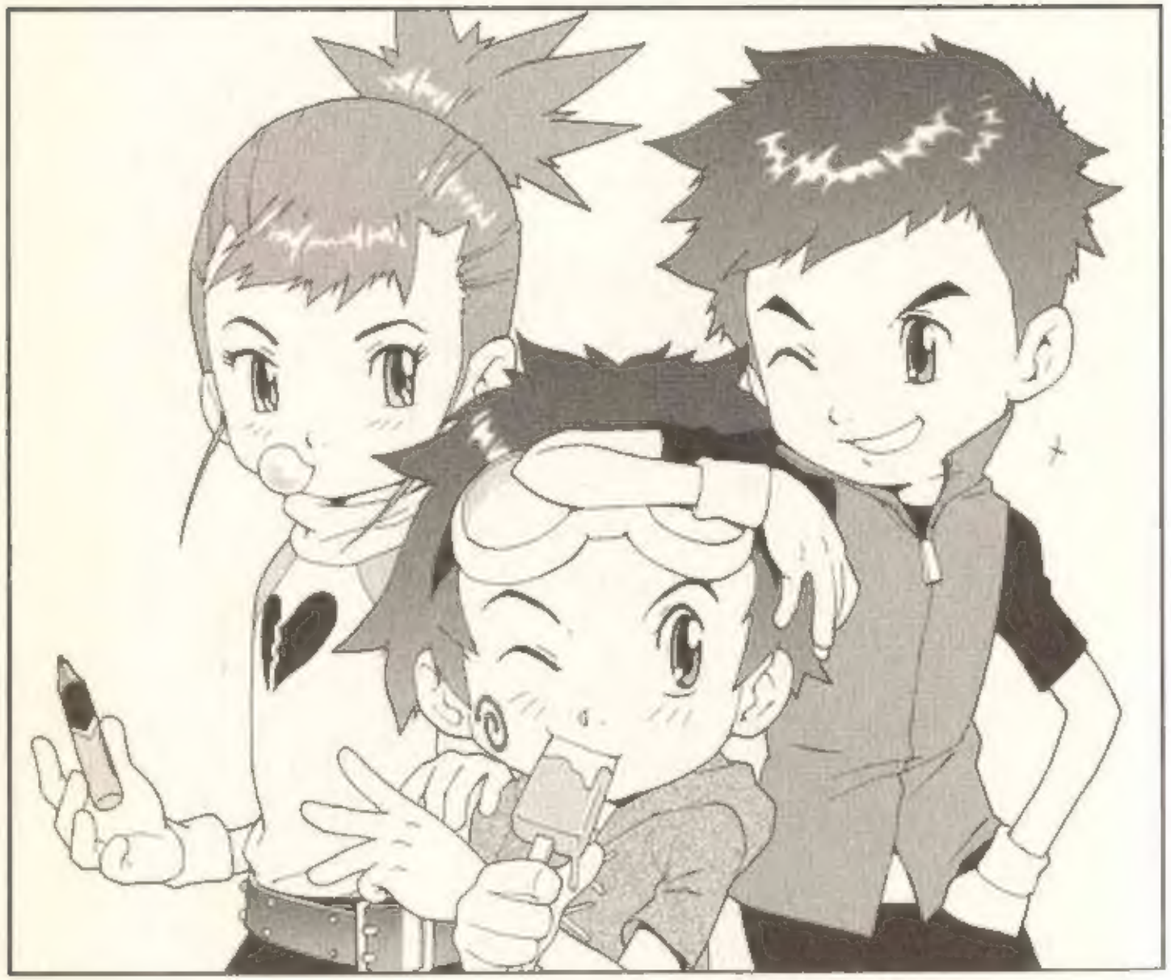

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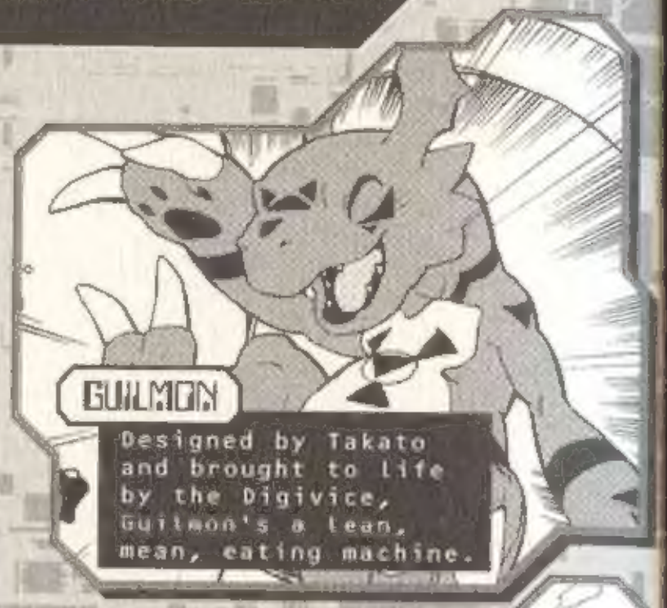
DIGIMON TAMERS

CHARACTER DATA

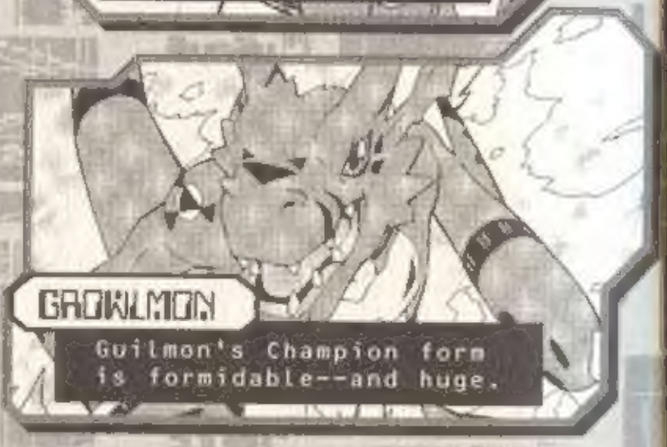
TAKATO MATSUKI

The kid with the goggles, and therefore our hero. Takato's got a lot to learn about Digimon, but he's loving every minute of it.



GUILMON

Designed by Takato and brought to life by the Digivice, Guilmon's a lean, mean, eating machine.



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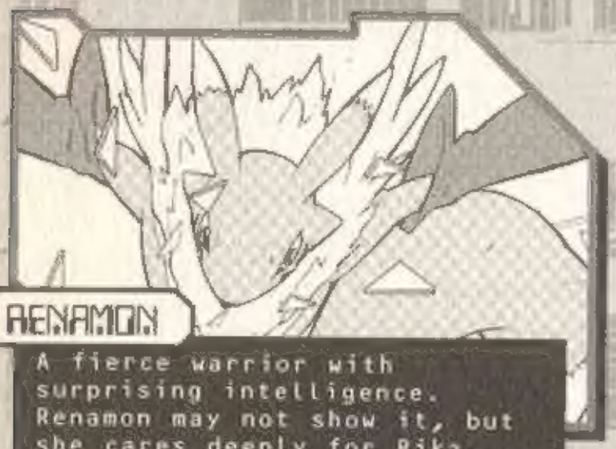
Guilmon's Champion form is formidable--and huge.



RENAMON

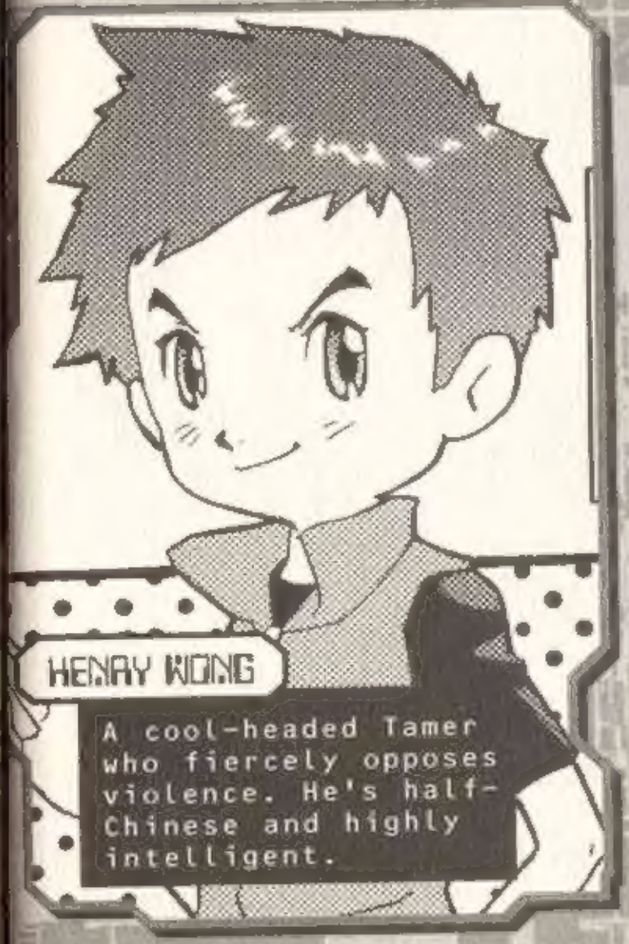
A fierce warrior with surprising intelligence. Renamon may not show it, but she cares deeply for Rika.

KYUBIMON

Renamon's Champion form is straight out of Japanese mythology.

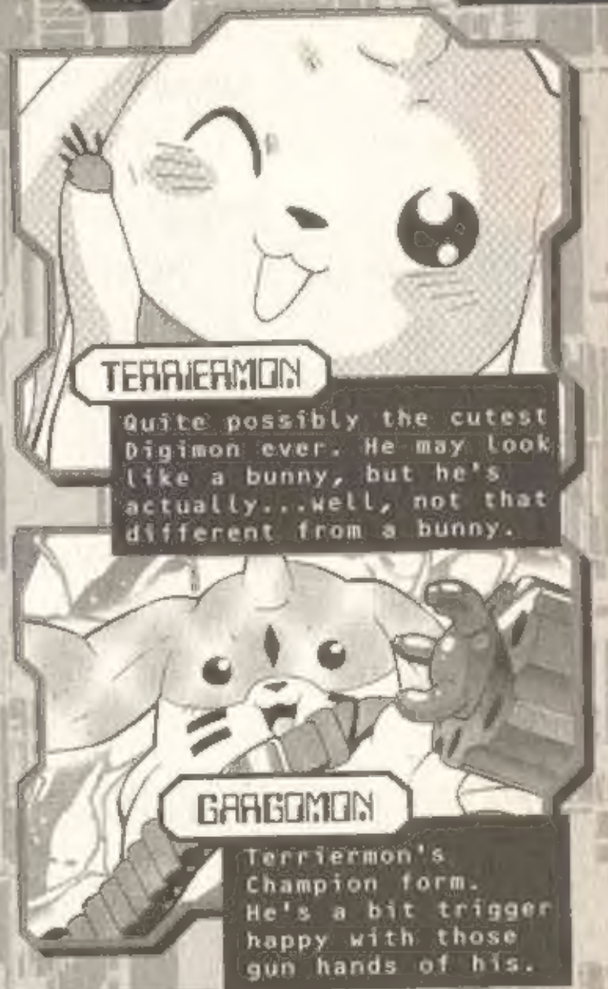
RIKA NONAKA

Rika thinks Digimon live and die for battle. Try to correct her and she'll bite your head off.



HENRY WONG

A cool-headed Tamer who fiercely opposes violence. He's half-Chinese and highly intelligent.



TERRIERMON

Quite possibly the cutest Digimon ever. He may look like a bunny, but he's actually...well, not that different from a bunny.

GARGOMON

Terriermon's Champion form. He's a bit trigger happy with those gun hands of his.

DIGI KNOW THESE GUYS?

CALUMON

A mysterious digimon who loves to play. No, really--loves.

IMPMON

A mysterious digimon who loves to cause mischief. What's his true goal?

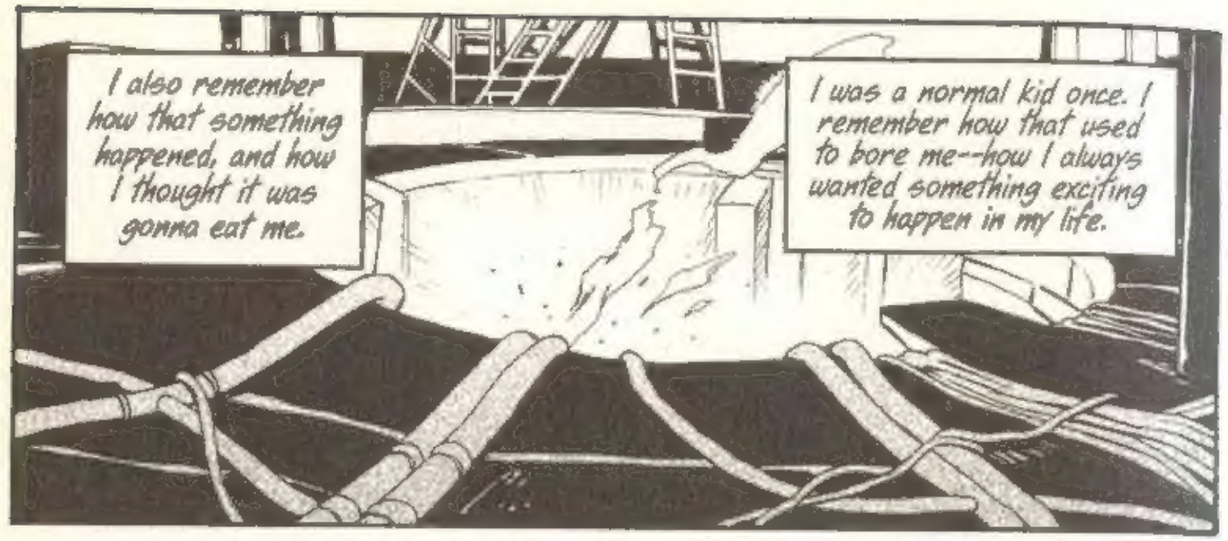
HIROKAZU "KAZU" SHIODA

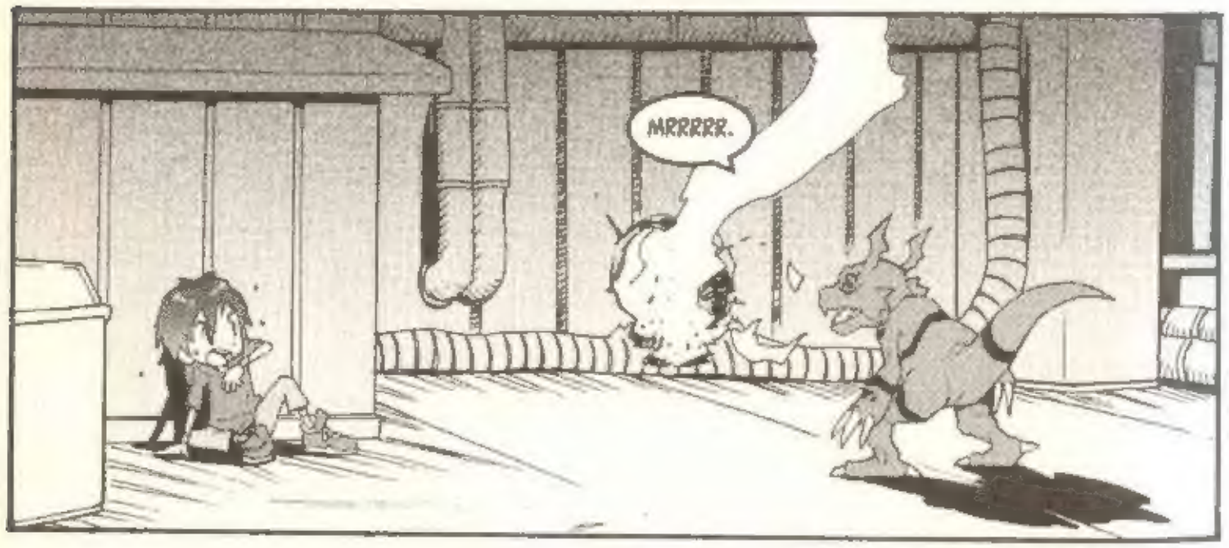
KENTA KITAGAWA

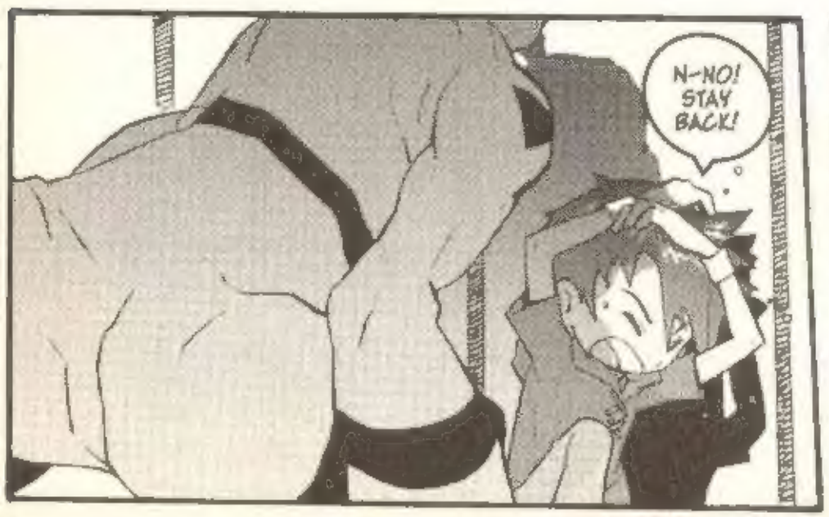
Takato's friends. They play the digimon game, but don't believe Guilmon exists.

OUR STORY

Takato Matsuki, a hardcore fan of the Digimon game and TV show, one day finds Guilmon--a Digimon he designed, and in the real world! Despite Takato's excitement, he soon finds out being a real Digimon Tamer is far less simple than playing a video game...


I also remember how that something happened, and how I thought it was gonna eat me.
I was a normal kid once. I remember how that used to bore me--how I always wanted something exciting to happen in my life.





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Hi. My name's Takato Matsuki, and I'm in love with Digimon.

But let me start from the beginning.

I DID IT! I MADE UP MY VERY OWN WICKED AWESOME TOTALLY BRILLIANT DIGIMON!

AND ONE MORE... THERE. DONE!

OH. CLASS. RIGHT.

I DO HOPE THAT'S HOMEWORK.

THAT'S YOUR THIRD STRIKE. AFTER SCHOOL.

STILL DAY-DREAMING, TAKATO?

Thinking back on it, I guess I wasn't that far off.

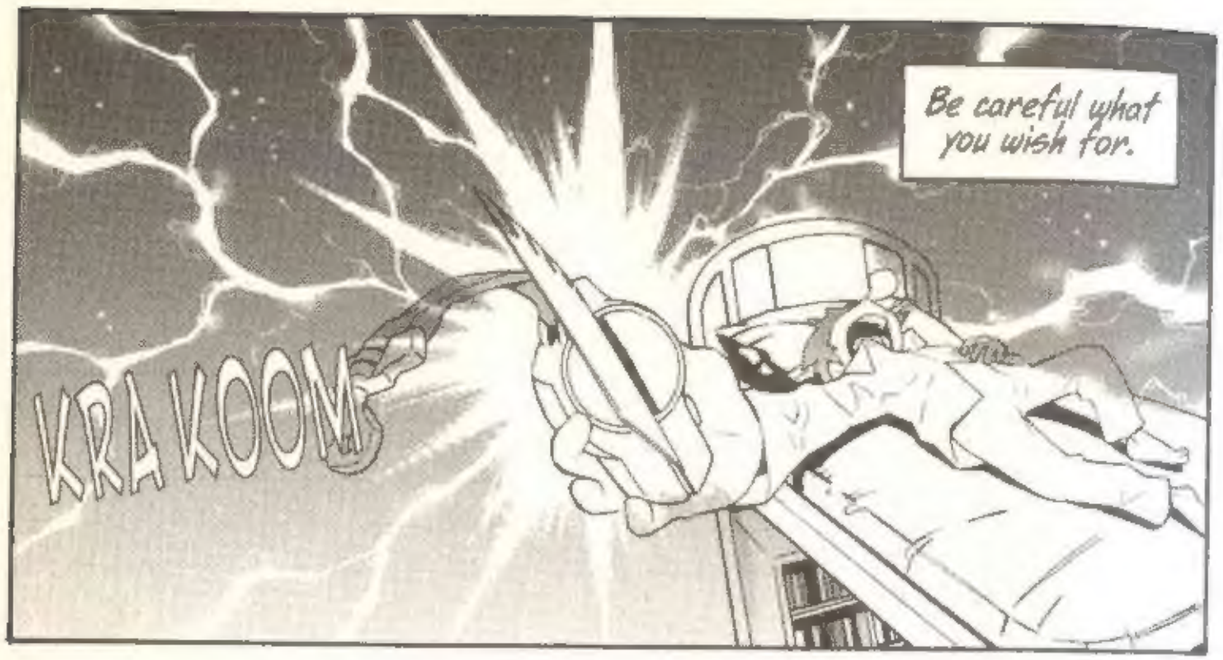
OH. UH... H-HI.

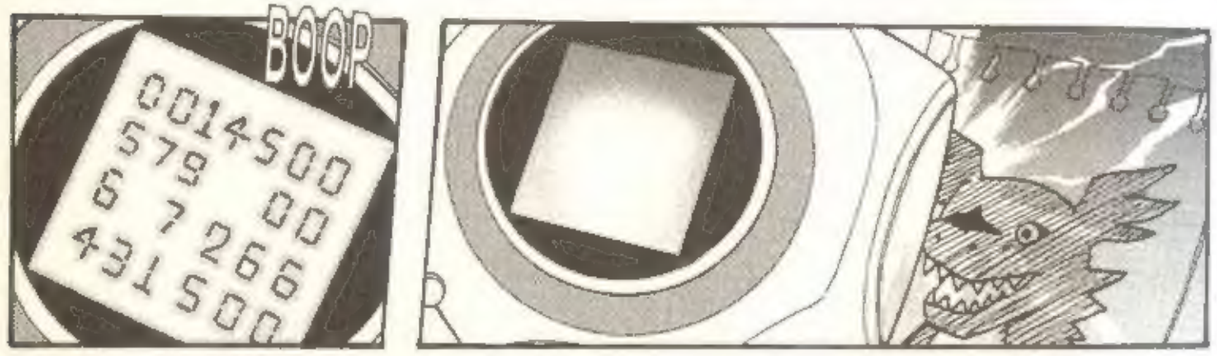
TAKATO

GUILMON

CHAPTER 1:

THE ART OF MAKING A FRIEND


Be careful what you wish for.
KRA KOOM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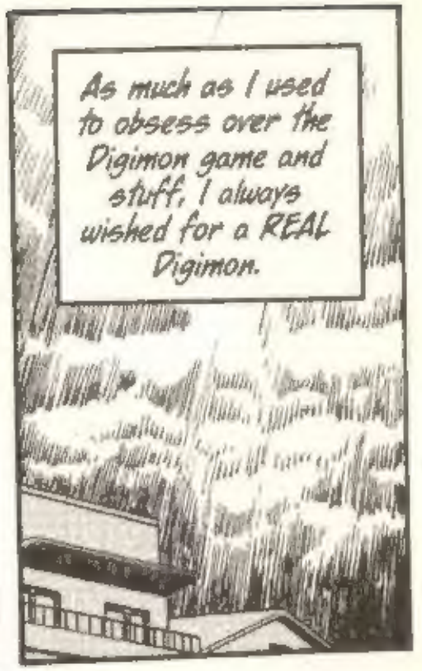
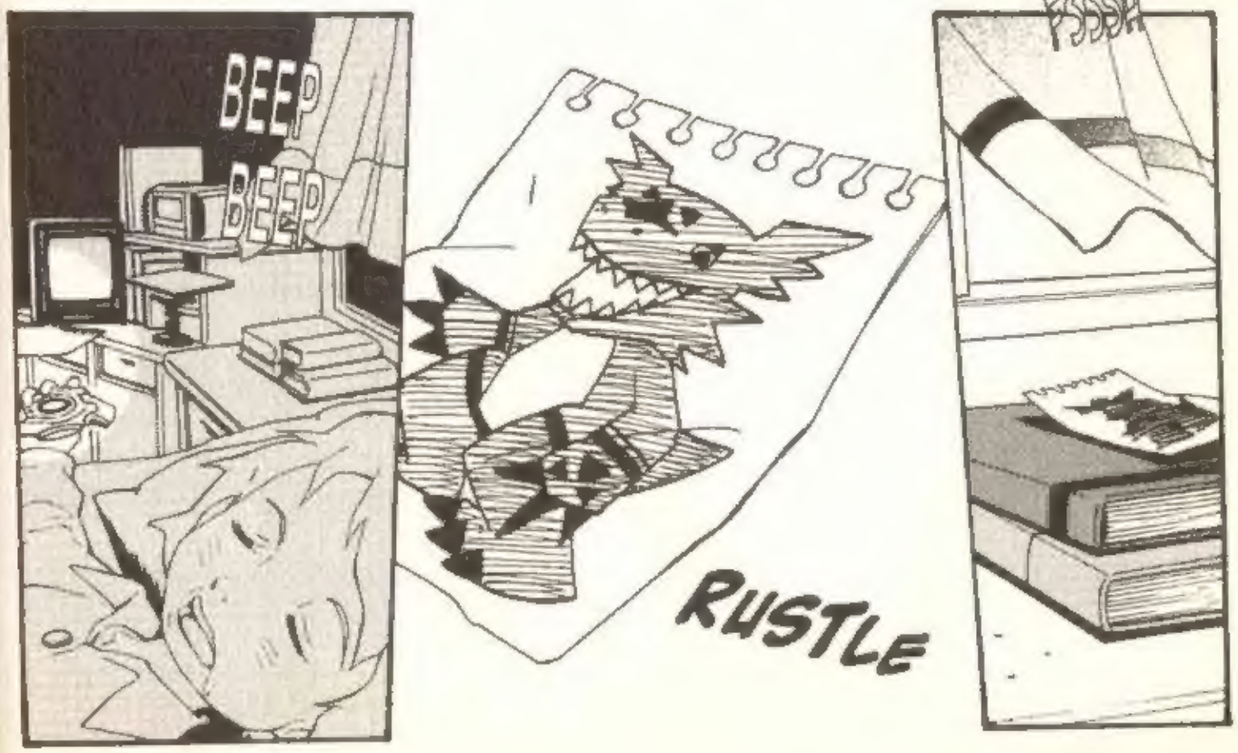
KOWOOO

WH-WHAT?

G-GOTTA... CATCH 'EM... NO! NO.


As much as I used to obsess over the Digimon game and stuff, I always wished for a REAL Digimon.

Y'know, a Digimon pal to call my own? But you know what they say.


BEEP
BEEP
RUSTLE
PSSSH

RAAAR!

LYNXMON

WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?!

WHO ARE THEY? AND WHY AM I OUTSIDE WITHOUT REAL PANTS ON?

RENAMON

RIKA

WATCH YOUR BACK, PAL. DIAMOND STORM!

HEY, THAT DIGIMON'S GOOD!

SPEED ACTIVATE!

COUNTER, RENAMON.

RAAAR!

THANKS.

At the time, I thought it was just a dream.

WAIT! I... HUH?

I'M LATE! NOT AGAIN!

WHA?!

AW, MAN.

YEEGH!

BETTER EAT AND RUN.

SWALLOW BEFORE YOU RUN, SON.

I'M OFF! FEE OO 'ATER!

OH.

RAA--

TAMER?

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? DITCH THE PJS AND FIGHT, TAMER.

HMPH. SO MUCH FOR THE SYMPATHY VOTE.

SO YOU WET THE BED. NICE, MAN!

H-HEY, IT WASN'T PEE. IT WAS RAIN. RAIN!

I'M SERIOUS HERE!

HEY, CUT IT OUT!

THANKS FOR NOT SHAKING MY HAND.

GOOD LUCK GETTING OVER THAT!

I decided to swing that idea by my friends.

When I thought about that dream a little more, I realized how real it felt. Like it wasn't a dream at all.

...AND WHEN I WOKE UP, MY HANDS WERE STILL WET FROM THE RAIN!

SO THEN THE FIRST DIGIMON BLASTED THE SECOND...

DON'T YOU MEAN PEE?

KAZU

KENTA

RAIN?

THIS IS WHERE THE COMPASS POINTED TO. NOW WHAT?

HUH?

BOOM

MRRRR...

WH-WHAT IS *THAT?*

I *KNEW* SOMETHING WAS GOING ON. ADVENTURE, HERE I COME!

beep beep

HUH?

A HATCHED DIGI-EGG!

I NEVER KNEW ADVENTURE WAS SO SMELLY!

AND THIS ALMOST LOOKS LIKE A COMPASS!

BLOOP

SQUEAL

WHOA!

SHOOT— I GAVE HIM FIRE LASERS, DIDN'T I? STUPID CREATIVITY! I DON'T WANNA DIE!

HANG ON. SINCE WHEN CAN GUILMON...

MMA?

THAT LOOKS LIKE GUILMON! MY DIGIMON CAME TO LIFE!

A DIGIMON? IT'S A...IT'S A REAL DIGIMON!

SQUEAK!

ZOOM

HERE. THESE WORKED FOR TAI ON TV.

MY NAME IS *TAKATO.* I'M A HUMAN, AND I HAVE GOGGLES, SO THAT MAKES ME *LEADER.* CALL ME TAMER TAKATO.

I got my very own Digimon and he was exactly how I wanted him to be! Except for maybe in the brains department.

So that's what happened. I don't know why it happened, but I'm not complaining.

TA-KA-TO. NOW YOU.

MY NAME IS TAKATO.

LISTEN UP, OKAY?

TA-KA-TO. MON. TAKATOMON, YAAAAY! AND I'M GUILMON, YAH?

At least he shoots fire lasers.

ARGH!

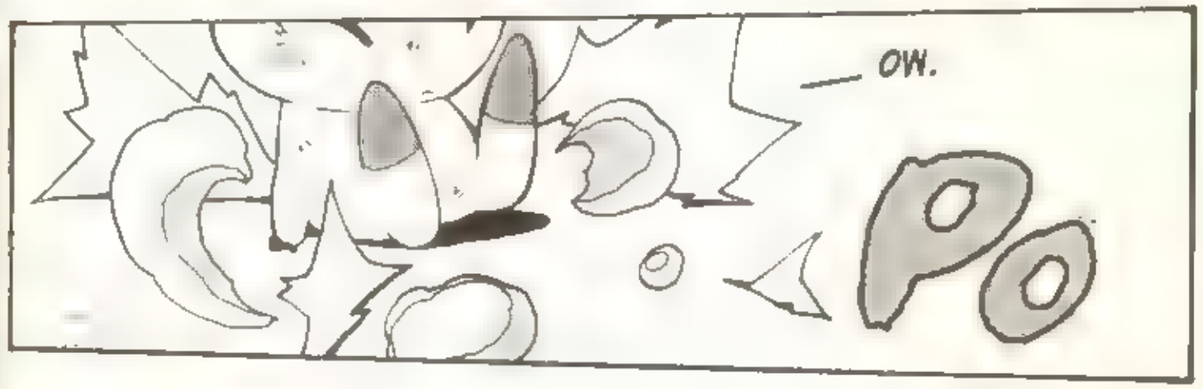
TAMER-TAKATOMON! YAY!

Oh, well.

HANG ON A SEC WHERE ■D I...

YES! I MEAN, NO! I'M JUST TAKATO.

TAKATOMON. YAH!



CALUMON

But my finding Guilmon was only the beginning.

And my being a Tamer was WAY harder than on TV.

WH-WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?

Since I couldn't exactly bring Guilmon home, I needed a place to stash him. My hiding place seemed ingenious... at the time.

NOW DON'T MOVE THIS EASILY-MOVABLE BOX.

WAIT RIGHT HERE UNTIL SCHOOL'S OUT, 'KAY?

EAT THESE IF YOU'RE HUNGRY.

FEE? MM. AN' DON' TALK WIF YOU MOUF FU'.

OOOH.

WHA? YOU SAID YOU *LIKED* THE PIERCE!

I DIDN'T SAY I DIDN'T.

HEY, CHECK OUT THIS LITTLE RABBIT THING! CAN I PET YOU, CUTIE?

HEE HEE!

IT TALKED! RUN BEFORE IT KILLS US!

IS THAT WHAT YOU TWO WERE DOING?

GUI'MON 'IKE!

MMM! GOO!

REMEMBER, JUST STAY HERE UNTIL SCHOOL'S DONE. THEN WE'LL PLAY!

WHAT TAKATOMON SAY? GUILMON TOO BUSY EATING.

CHAPTER 2:

FAR CUTER DIGIMON

WOOOW, THAT GUY'S GOT METAL IN HIS EAR! HOW STUPID! HA HA!

OKAY! BOX DIGIVOLVE TO...BOX ON FLOOR!

I-IT'S A-IT'S A

MONSTER! YAAAH!

HUH?

Anyway, Guilmon wasn't too big on waiting, so he tried to subtly pay me a visit at school.

PRINCIPAL

HM?

WHY AREN'T YOU IN CLASS, STUDENT?

UH, NOT STUDENT. BOX.

WHAT? TAKE THAT OFF THIS INSTANT!

HEY THERE, HOLD ON.

THAT...THING LOOKED LIKE A RED DINOSAUR. AND IT MADE BAD JOKES!

!

M-MAYBE IT'S ANOTHER RED DINO--

THEY'RE NOT ALWAYS OBEDIENT, SO A GOOD TAMER HAS TO ANTICIPATE THAT.

HENRY

TERRIERMON

BE MORE CAREFUL WITH YOUR DIGIMON, KID.

!

WHAT?

PLEASE DON'T BE GUILMON!

JUST RELAX, SIR.

TAKATO? HEY, WHERE'RE YOU GOING?

I'M TELLING YOU, IT WAS A BEAST!

MAYBE IT'S ANOTHER MONSTER. IT C-COULD BE, RIGHT?

ANOTHER TAMER, HUH?

TAKATO, RIGHT? YOU SHOULD GO FIND YOUR DIGIMON.

I KNOW. BYE!

UH..RIGHT JUST KEEP IT DOWN.

WOW HIS DIGIMON'S MULTI-LINGUAL

I DON'T KNOW WHAT STUDENT WOULD SNEAK IN TO EAT CAFETERIA FOOD?

GUILMON! HEY!

WHERE ARE YOU?

YOU HAVE A REAL DIGIMON, TOO? AWESOME! IT'S SO CUTE!

ON HIS QUIET DAYS. SO, RARELY.

YOU ACTUALLY BRING HIM TO SCHOOL?

NOT AGAIN.

I'M QUIET! LOOKIT HOW QUIET I AM!

...TAIH!

...MAHN...

MOUH...

HEY, HENRY. THIS THE PLACE?

YEAH. TAKE A LOOK AROUND.

WOW, THIS *IS* THE PERFECT SPOT TO HIDE GUILMON.

YOUR LAST NAME'S WONG, RIGHT? ARE YOU JAPANESE?

MY FATHER'S FROM HONG KONG BUT MY MOM'S FROM HERE.

I'M MIXED, ACTUALLY.

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS.

YOU DON'T JUST LOSE A--

SOME TAMER I AM.

GUILMON!

TAKATOMON! YAAY!

THERE YOU ARE! YOU'RE OKAY!

I THINK WE NEED SOME HELP.

I JUST WISH I COULD TAKE YOU OUT MORE, BUDDY.

MM?

MRAW!

GUILMON? WHERE'RE YOU GOING?!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A DIGIMON

RENAMON, HEADS UP. WE'VE GOT A CHALLENGE.

CANTONESE AND JUST HOW TO SAY "NO PROBLEM" IT'S PRETTY LAME

SO YOUR DIGIMON SPEAKS CHINESE!

I'LL TAKE BETTER CARE OF GUILMON FROM NOW ON.

TAKE IT EASY.

BYE, HENRY. AND THANKS!

GOOD. AS LONG AS A DIGIMON IS CARED FOR...

...THE TRUST BETWEEN HIM AND HIS TAMER CAN BLOOM. MOUH MAHN TAIH!

TAKATOMON? NEED TO POO.

TAKATOMON? MORE FOOD.

OH. OVER THERE.

SURE, OVER HERE.

And that something was a girl.

MAA!

STOP RUNNING! GUILMON, WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?!

HMPH.

THEY'RE THE TWO FROM MY DREAM!

MRAAA!

WHAT'S THAT THING?!

A TOY. HEH!

GOOO LORD!

THEN AGAIN, I USED TO THINK THE BOX WAS FOOLPROOF.

HEY... I THINK THEY BELIEVE ME! MAYBE TAKING GUILMON OUT ISN'T SO BAD.

He looked...possessed, almost. Like there was something he had to find.

PARKING

It was weird. Guilmon wasn't just ignoring me, there was something wrong with his eyes.

GUILMON, PLEASE! BACK OFF OR YOU'RE DEAD!

DIGI-MODIFY!

CHOOOM

WHAT TAKATOMON SAY ABOUT BREAD?

GUILMON, LEAVE HER BE! I DON'T KNOW WHEN DIGIMON MATING SEASON IS, BUT YOU CAN'T--

THEY'RE FIGHTING, BRAINIAC. ALL DIGIMON DO.

SO YOU'RE THE TAMER. A LITTLE SLOW ON THE UPTAKE, HUH?

BUT YOUR BATTLE ENDS HERE LIKE ALL THE OTHERS!

SHINK

DIGIMON ARE NATURAL ENEMIES. THE DESIRE TO FIGHT CALLS TO THEM.

THEY COLLECT DATA THROUGH THEIR WINS. WHAT KINDA TAMERS ARE YOU?

HUNH. GIMME A BREAK.

DIGIMON ARE *SUPPOSED* TO BATTLE.

DIGIMON NEED DATA TO DIGIVOLVE! THEY HAVE TO FIGHT!

FORGET YOU. RENAMON!

THIS ISN'T A GAME— IT'S REAL LIFE. LIVING CREATURES DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING!

HE *SAID* NO!

HM?

RRGH!

WHO'S.

CUT IT OUT, ALL OF YOU!

I could already tell I was gonna like this kid.

HENRY!

IF YOU'VE GOT AN ITCH TO COMPETE, YOU'D BETTER PICK ANOTHER HOBBY.

I didn't realize what was happening.

GO...!

DIAMOND STORM!

I couldn't, really--I was too busy trying to protect Guilmon, y'know? But I still remember that single moment...

...when ice filled my veins as a floppy ear brushed my cheek.

Henry saw what was happening, at least.

That made all the difference.

F1

F2

BROOM

TERRIERMON, NO!

EVOLUTION

BEEP

TERRIERMON DIGIVOLVE TO...

...seeing a really big bunny with guns for hands.

GARGOMON

CHAPTER 3:

DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENTS

AH!

BZZT

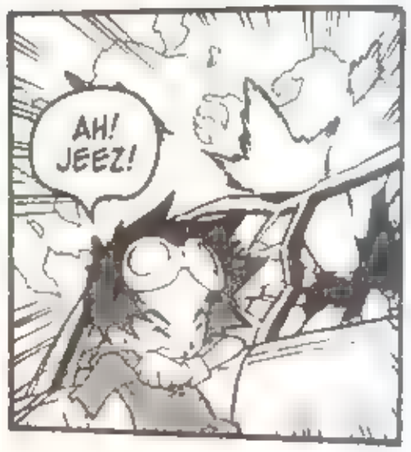
IS HE ACTUALLY...

You'd have been weirded out, too...

...DIGIVOLVING?!

FWOOSH

STOP HIM OR HE'LL KILL US ALL!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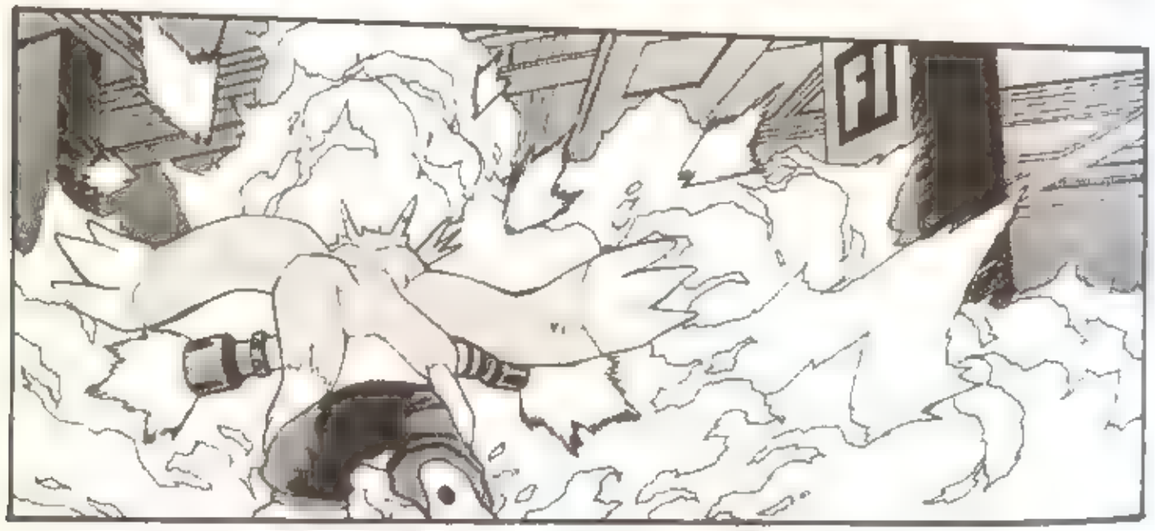
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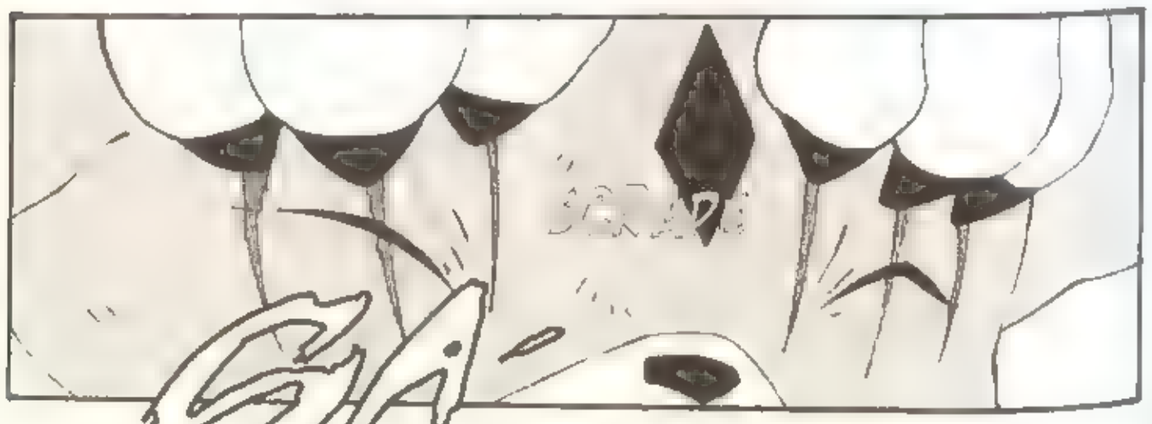


BAM!
We all learned an important lesson that day.
WHOA. HENRY, LOOKIT!

I'VE BUILT UP MY GUNS! HA HA HA HA!
Besides never giving a rabbit an automatic weapon.

F7

ERG.

It was one of those situations where EVERYTHING went wrong.

N-NICE BUNNY. I DIDN'T...

F8

FWOOSH

BOOM

MRAA!

BIKA

NNGH!

BOOM

OW! WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!

RENAMON! SILLY RABBIT, I'LL TEACH YOU TO--

CLICK

STAY AWAY FROM ME!

...he put our lives in danger and wrecked that parking lot. I had a feeling Terriermon was in for some "quiet time."

Henry was really mad. Not only did Terriermon go nuts when he Digivolved...

I'M NOT DE-DIGIVOLVING, HENRY.

WILL THAT REALLY GET HIS ENERGY DOWN?

IT'D BETTER.

AND YOU'RE GROUNDED, TERRIERMON.

2,096, 2,097...

THAT LAME DINO SAVED ME.

QUIT FIRING AND FOLLOW ME, TERRIERMON. YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE!

STRAIGHT FROM AMERICA, NO LESS.

MR. WONG

ENJOY IT, SON. AND MERRY CHRISTMAS.

I'LL REMEMBER THIS ON FATHER'S DAY!

DADDY'S GOT SWEET HOOK-UPS.

IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A CHOICE. HE'S TOO UNSTABLE AS GARGOMON.

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A TAMER WHO WANTED HIS DIGIMON TO STAY A ROOKIE, HENRY. ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE ANSWER?

I FOUND THAT OUT THE HARD WAY--WHEN TERRIERMON AND I FIRST MET.

OH WOW, THAT'S THE NEW DIGIMON GAME!

BO

BO

GORILLAMON

HUH? WHAT'S THAT BEHIND HIM?

OOF!

TERRIERMON! LEAVE HIM ALONE, CREEP!

I planned to go straight through the game with him alone

TERRIERMON

I picked Terriermon because he was it's like me

THERE HE IS.

TERRIERMON

BEEP

BOOP

AND HE'S EVEN GOT GOOD HYGIENE. *DANG* THAT THING IS CUTE!

PA-PA-PA

WOW! WHAT'RE THESE?

ALL RIGHT! YOU CAN STOP NOW.

MONKEY SEE, MONKEY FLEW! HA HA HA!

BOO-

HA HA HA HA!

DIGIVOLUTION!

SA

HANG IN THERE, BUDDY!

WAIT. TERRRIERMON CAN FIGHT BACK IF HE DIGIVOLVES.

I THINK IT'S WORK NG. PLEASE BE OKAY!

BZZZT

SO, WHAT, I'M SUPPOSED TO JUST NOT CARE?!

NOT REAL?

BWEE

I WON'T LET YOU DIE, TERRIERMON.

I WON'T!

DON'T BE UPSET.

IT'S JUST A GAME, SON.

DIGIMON ARE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT. THOSE ARE THE RULES.

AND IF THEY DIE... THEY'RE NOT REAL, HENRY.

AH... HOO BOY.

BOOM

NYA HA HA HA!

WOOOSH

GOOD WORK, RENAMON. SUCK HIS DATA FOR ALL ITS WORTH.

When Henry told me his story, I started to understand.

Of course he didn't want Terriermon to Digivolve--it only led to fighting and pain.

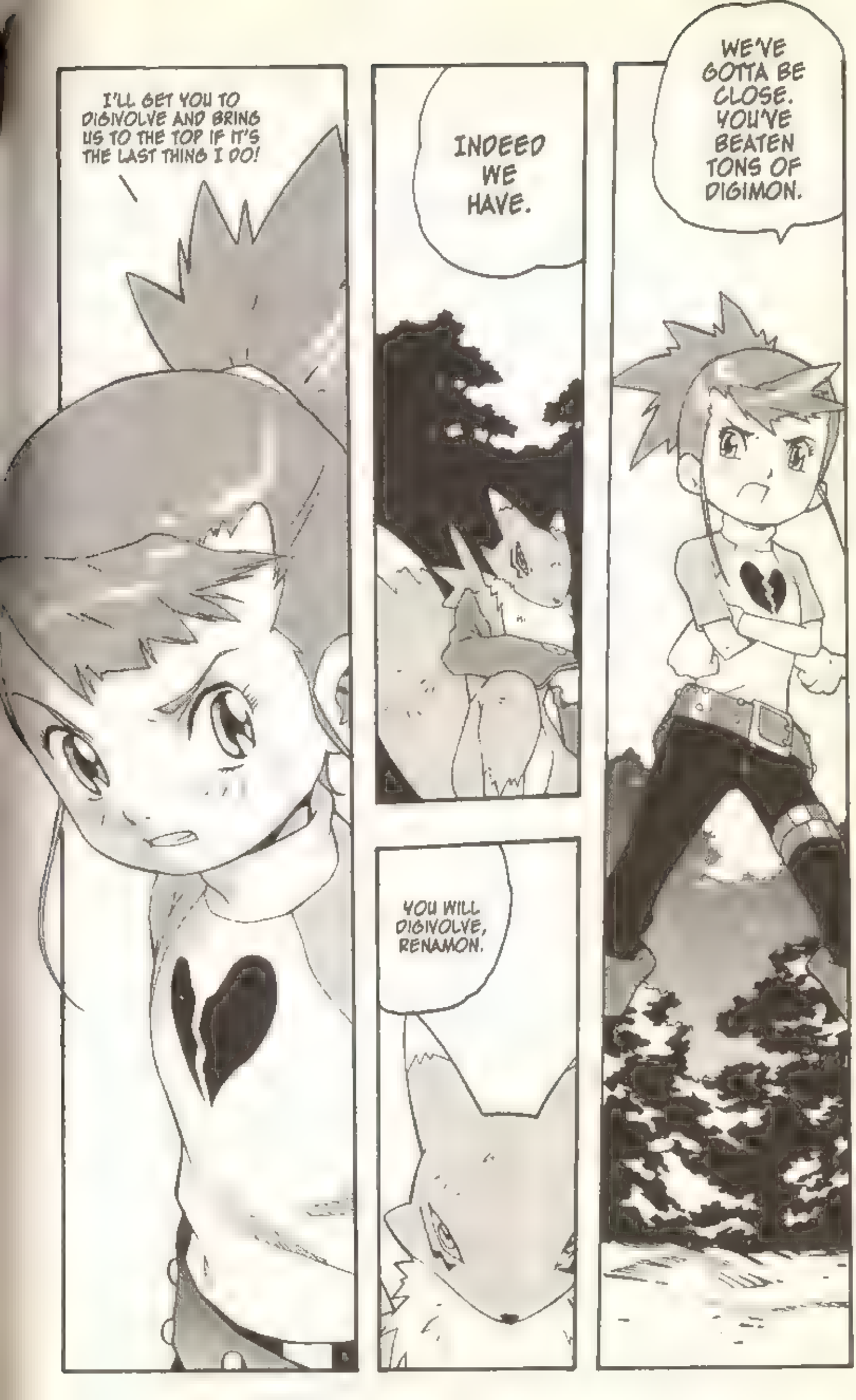
The rules of the Digimon game didn't apply to real life.

And that's when I started to wonder what rules DID apply.

TERRIERMON...

I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE IN *MY* WORLD, OKAY?

Y-YOU'RE REAL?


WE'VE GOTTA BE CLOSE. YOU'VE BEATEN TONS OF DIGIMON.
INDEED WE HAVE.
YOU WILL DIGIVOLVE, RENAMON.
I'LL GET YOU TO DIGIVOLVE AND BRING US TO THE TOP IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

CHAPTER 4:

SECRETS AND ANGER MANAGEMENT

DIGIMON MOVEMENT IN THE AREA IS ABNORMAL.

I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT TO MAKE OF THESE IRREGULAR STATISTICS.

PERHAPS THE DIGIMON WAR IS BEGINNING AGAIN.

click

SNAP

BIKKOO

THE READINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED, SIR.

YOU'RE NOT WORTH MY TIME.

AW, I DUNNO IF YOU WANNA HEAR IT. YOU LIKE HUMAN KIDDIES.

EVEN IF THEY RULE YOUR LIFE!

I'M TRYIN' TO WARN YA!

DON'T IGNORE ME, DOLL!

HMPH. FINE! SHE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH WHO SHE'S DEALIN' WITH.

HEH. ANOTHER HUMAN GRONY!

WHAT? WHO'RE YOU?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I CAN'T DIGIVOLVE. I'VE COLLECTED SO MUCH DATA THAT

SNAG A LOOK AT SUCCESS, SISTA. YOU'VE NEVER HEARD A IMPMON?

IMPMON

WHAT DID YOU SAY ABOUT HUMANS?

I'M DOING EVERYTHING I HAVE TO AND IT'S *STILL* NOT ENOUGH!

I'M SORRY TO WORRY YOU, RIKA.

IT'S OKAY.

MAYBE IT'S NOT MY TIME.

FWOOSH!

I'VE FOLLOWED THE FIGHTING MANUAL.

SO NOW WHAT?

...NOT THAT USELESS LITTLE RABBIT!

RENAMON SHOULD'VE DIGIVOLVED BACK THERE...

デジタルモンスター
D-1ソフト

It's just...I thought you were the strongest there is, Renamon.

AND OUR NEW D-1 DIGIMON CHAMPION IS RIKA NONAKA!

AMAZING JOB, RIKA. THAT LAST ROUND WAS EXPLOSIVE!

DO YOU HAVE A WORD FOR THE FANS?

WHA? HEY!

UH...

GO HOME AND PRACTICE. I COULD'VE WON IN MY SLEEP.

IT'S HER.

IT'S THAT UNBEATABLE DIGIMON TAMER!

NO! PICK ME, TAMER!

I'M DEVIMON, TAMER. LET US SHARE OUR STRENGTH.

G-GET AWAY FROM ME. I ONLY WANT THE ***BEST*** DIGIMON, GOT IT?

Hmph. And she said I had a lot to learn about Digimon.

Rika was really losing sleep over Renamon's rookie status. She was convinced she'd hit Champion if she just won enough battles.

BEEP BEEP BEEP

AGAIN? DIGIMON'S SHOWN UP

LET'S GO, RENAMON. WE'VE GOT A BATTLE TO WIN!

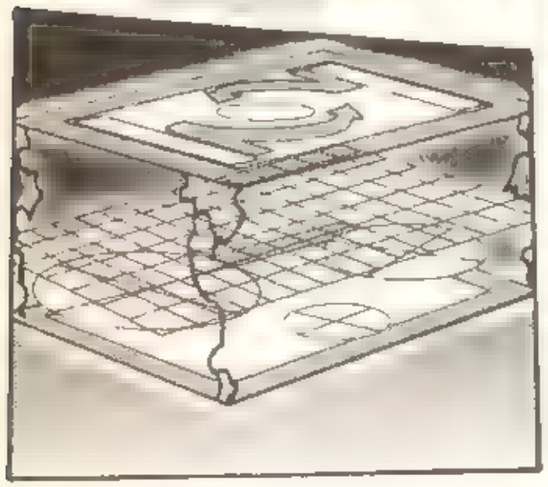
RENAMON?

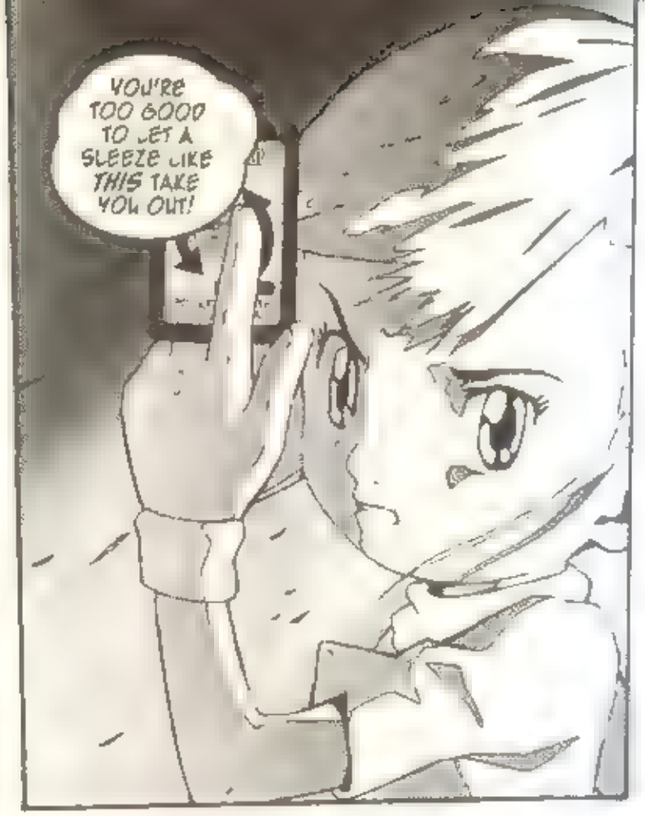
HUH?

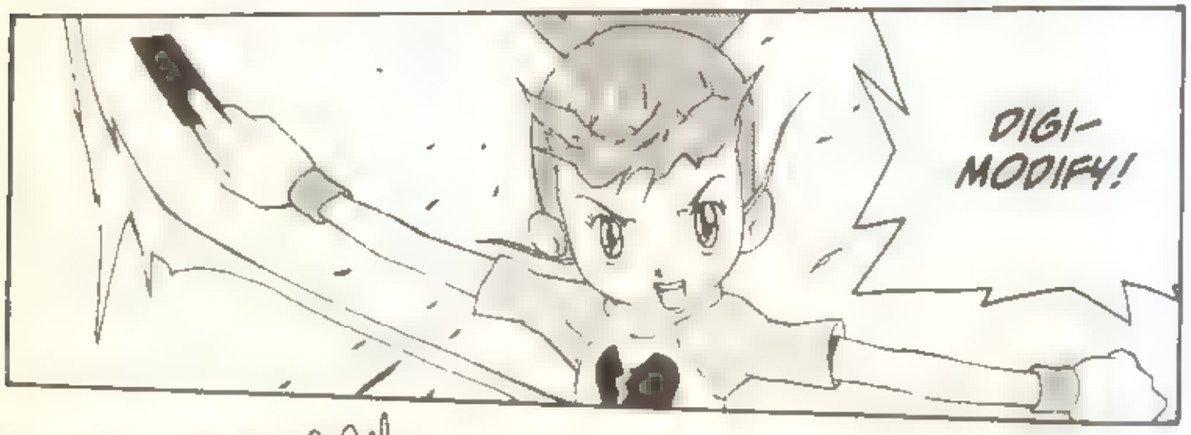
I DO THINK...

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ME.

IT...IT'S A RENAMON!




YOU'RE TOO GOOD TO LET A SLEEZE LIKE THIS TAKE YOU OUT!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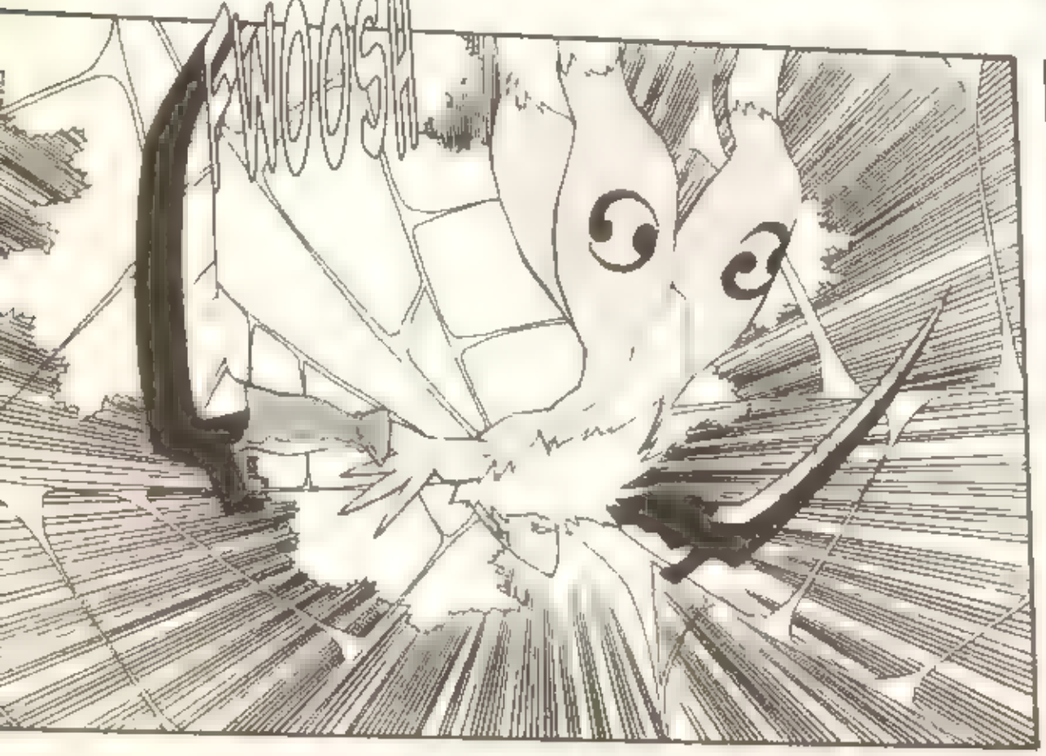
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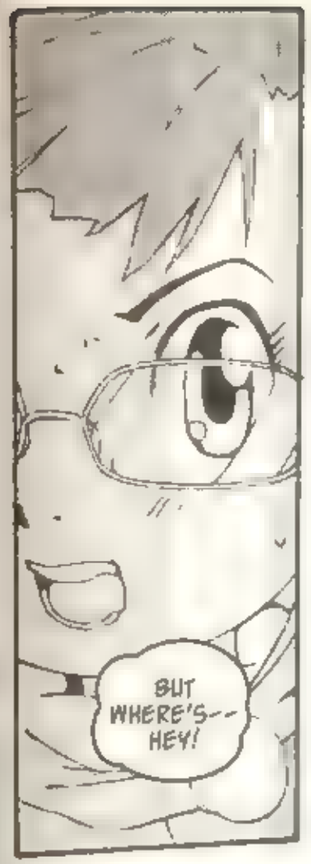
RIKA.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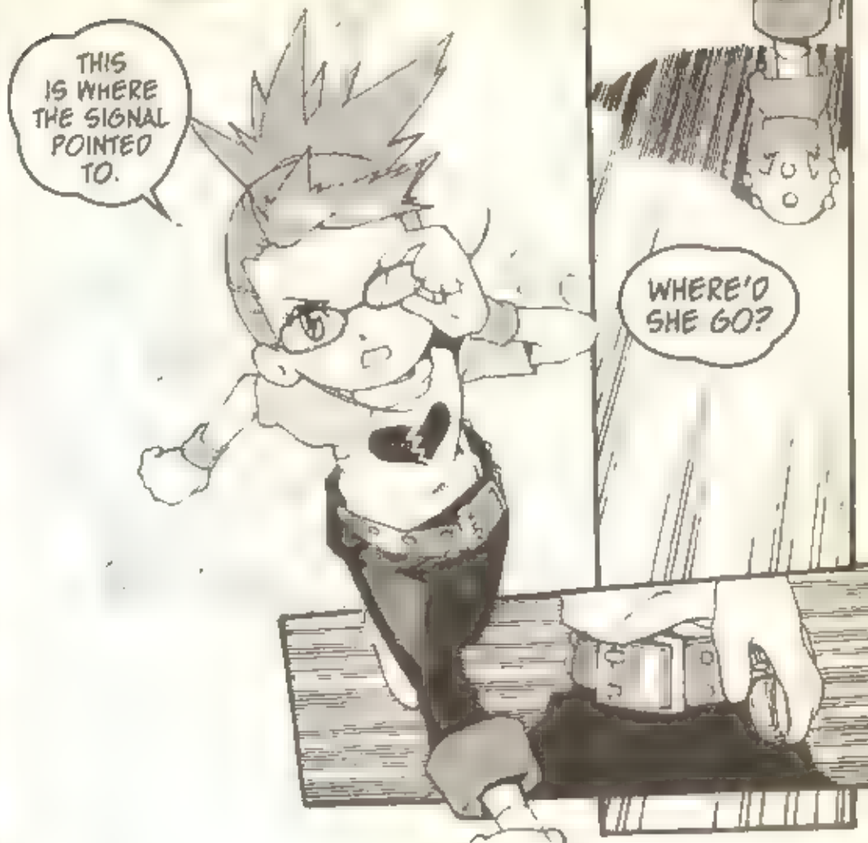
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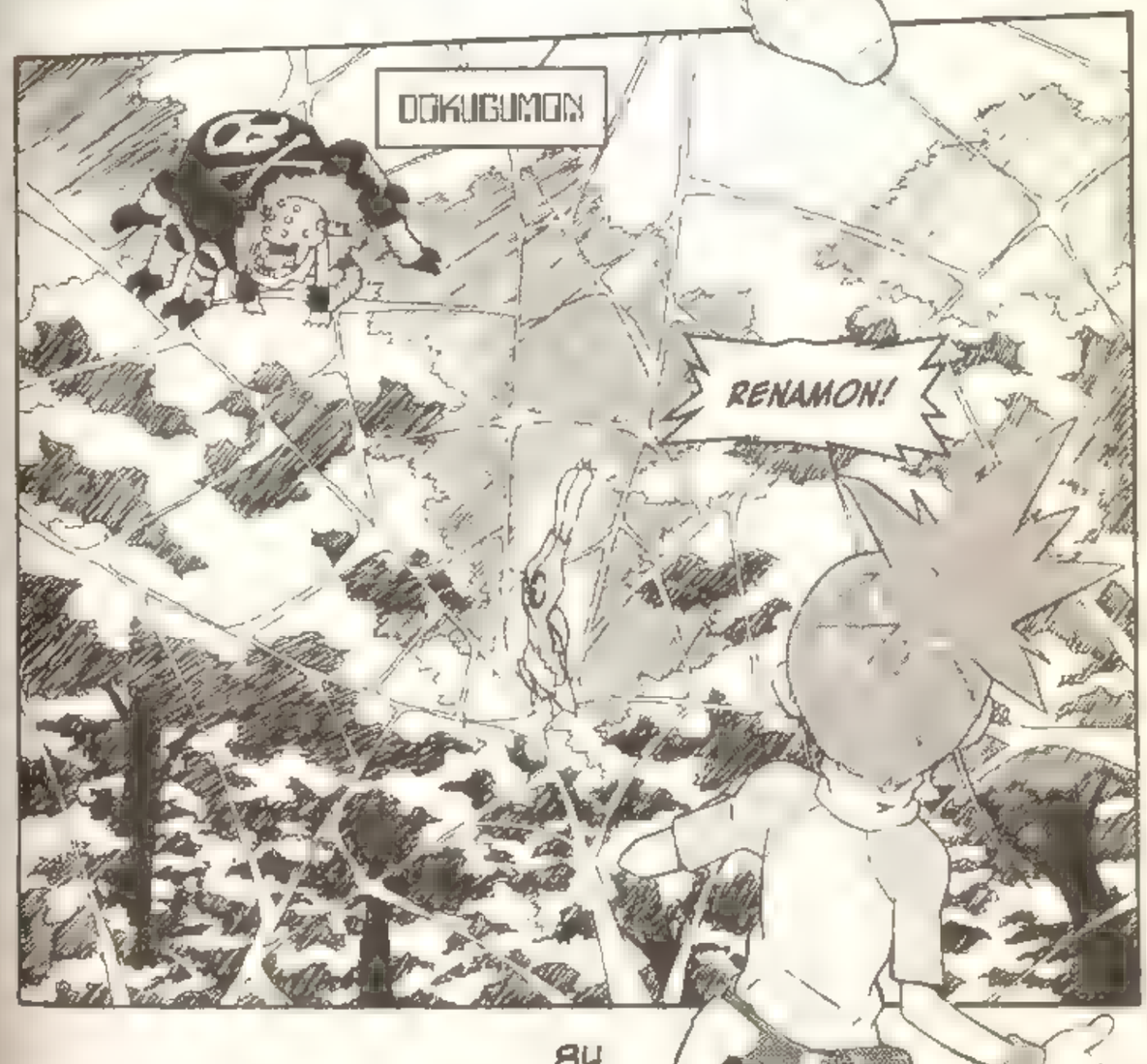
WHERE'D SHE GO?


DOKUGUMON
RENAMON!

TIME TO CLOSE IN! NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!

FWOOOM

FWIP

SORRY, RIKA. I GOT TIED UP IN THINGS.

CHOOOM

SA

RIKA, WATCH OUT!

!

BOOM

Both Rika and Renamon had some growing up to do.

I'M SORRY, RIKA... I'VE FAILED YOU.

OOH.

JUST PLEASE BE OKAY!

DON'T SAY THAT, RENAMON! FORGET THE WIN!

EVOLUTION

HUH?

BEEP BEEP

DIGIMON

Digivolving isn't just about winning, y'know.

It's kinda like life. What does it matter what you're doing...

It actually has LITTLE to do with winning.

WHAT?

AH!

...unless you really care?

RENAMON!

SA

BLAAH!

BACK TO YOUR CORNER, SPIDER!

FOX TAIL INFERNO!

KYUBIMON

BLAAAGH!
SSSSH
RENAMON... WOW, I LIKE YOUR TAILS.
So that's how Rika and Renamon finally got what they wanted.
But I'm not talking about a Digivolution.

CHAPTER 5:
BIG TROUBLE IN LITTLE TOKYO

NOT TRYING TO.

PLEASE DON'T GO!

I DUNNO! JUST DON'T...I MEAN.. DANG IT!

TAKATOMON, WHERE BODY GOING?

POOF

GUILMON?

GUILMON, NO!

As if they weren't already, right?

Despite all our progress, we didn't realize things were about to get complicated.

EAT. EAT MORE. YAH!

WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO AT HOME?

MMA?

YOU ALWAYS WANNA, HUH?

GUILMON, LOOK AT YOUR TAIL!

CRYING AGAIN?

DIGIMON DON'T LAST FOREVER, YOU KNOW. THEY'RE JUST DATA.

AND I WON'T LET HIM GO!

GUILMON IS NOT JUST DATA, RIKA! HE'S MY FRIEND!

I'M GETTING A SIGNAL. LET'S JUST FOLLOW IT AND STOP ARGUING.

HE JUST VANISHED!

RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!

HAS THAT EVER HAPPENED TO YOU, HENRY?

NO. NEVER.

SOMEONE TOOK MY DIGIMON!

I MEAN, LOOK AT [illegible]'S EAR

YOU, TOO? MAN!

SOMETHING FISHY'S GOING ON AROUND HERE.

I'M OKAY. SEE?

WHAT--HEY! COVER YOUR EYES!

BOO.

WHOA!

WOW.

LET'S TRY TO USE THEM.

THE DIGIVICES ARE REACTING, SO THAT'S A GOOD SIGN.

LET'S GO, RIKA.

THIS ISN'T *MY* PROBLEM.

WILL YOU BE OKAY WITHOUT ME?

MOUH MAHN TAIH!

WHAT, ARE YOU *SCARED?*

SCARED? HAH! I'M THE BEST TAMER THERE IS--WHY CAN'T THESE STUPID BOYS GET THAT THROUGH THEIR PUNY SKULLS?

MAN, I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WENT SO DEEP.

THE SIGNAL'S COMING FROM UNDERGROUND.

TAKATO!

ARE YOU OKAY? I'M SO SORRY, BUDDY!

GUILMON, I'M COMING!

TAKATO, SLOW UP.

THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE IT'S READY TO POP. WE'D BETTER MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!

BWEEEEEEN

OUR LIGHTS ARE SHINY, TOO. SO THERE!

THAT'S WHERE HE WENT!

THAT'S GUILMON IN THERE!

BOOOM

SOMEONE ENTERED THE PORTAL.

ENERGY IN SECTOR 1...

...JUST VANISHED, SIR.

IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

SIR?

IT SURE *LOOKS* LIKE IT, DOESN'T IT?

HMPH.

BUT I STRONGLY DISLIKE INTERFERENCE.

"MONSTER" SIGHTINGS AT THE LOCAL PARK CONTINUE.

KA BOOM

YOU GUYS BLOW UP A LOT OF STUFF.

I KNOW WORKING ON IT.

Still, I had a bad feeling that weird stuff would come back to haunt us.

I didn't know what happened, but I was glad Guilmon was okay. That was all that REALLY mattered.

NOT MY PROBLEM.

IT MIGHT BE!

HERE WE GO AGAIN

THAT FELT LIKE A TRAP TO ME. SOMETHING'S WATCHING US.

NOT THAT *KID* AGAIN. YOU LIKE BEING TOLD WHAT TO DO?

DITCH THIS JOINT AND LET'S LIVE.

C'MON, BIG GUY!

HAVE TO STAY.

GUILMON LIKE FOLLOWING TAKATO. TAKATO IS GUILMON'S FRIEND!

FUN? HM.

FEH. I'M GONNA HAVE SOME *REAL* FUN.

AN... "IMP," AND A "DINOSAUR."

NEWS

WITNESSES SAY THERE ARE TWO CREATURES.

GUILMON AGAIN? I'M THE WORST TAMER EVER.

clack

I'M GOING OUT. I WON'T BE LONG.

AGAIN? WHERE?

NOWHERE. BYE!

I... REALLY LIKE YOU, MIMI.

YOU MEAN IT? OH, JO!

FWOOSH

WHAT WAS THAT?

HA HA HA!

RUN, HONEY, RUN!

I'M SCARY! NYAA!

AAGH!

THAT NOT NICE.

BOOOOM

MRRR?

DEVIDRAMON

HEY, WHERE'RE YOU GOIN'?

MRA!

THIS COULD BE COOL.

SHLOOM

S-SORRY, TAKATO.

DON'T BE SORRY, BUDDY! HANG IN THERE!

BLEH

GUILMON, DIGIVOLUTION!

OOH, I'M SHINY AGAIN!

WHERE COULD HE HAVE...

BOO.

GUILMON, WHERE ARE YOU?!

ANSWER ME!

GUILMON?

SCAMPER SCAMPER

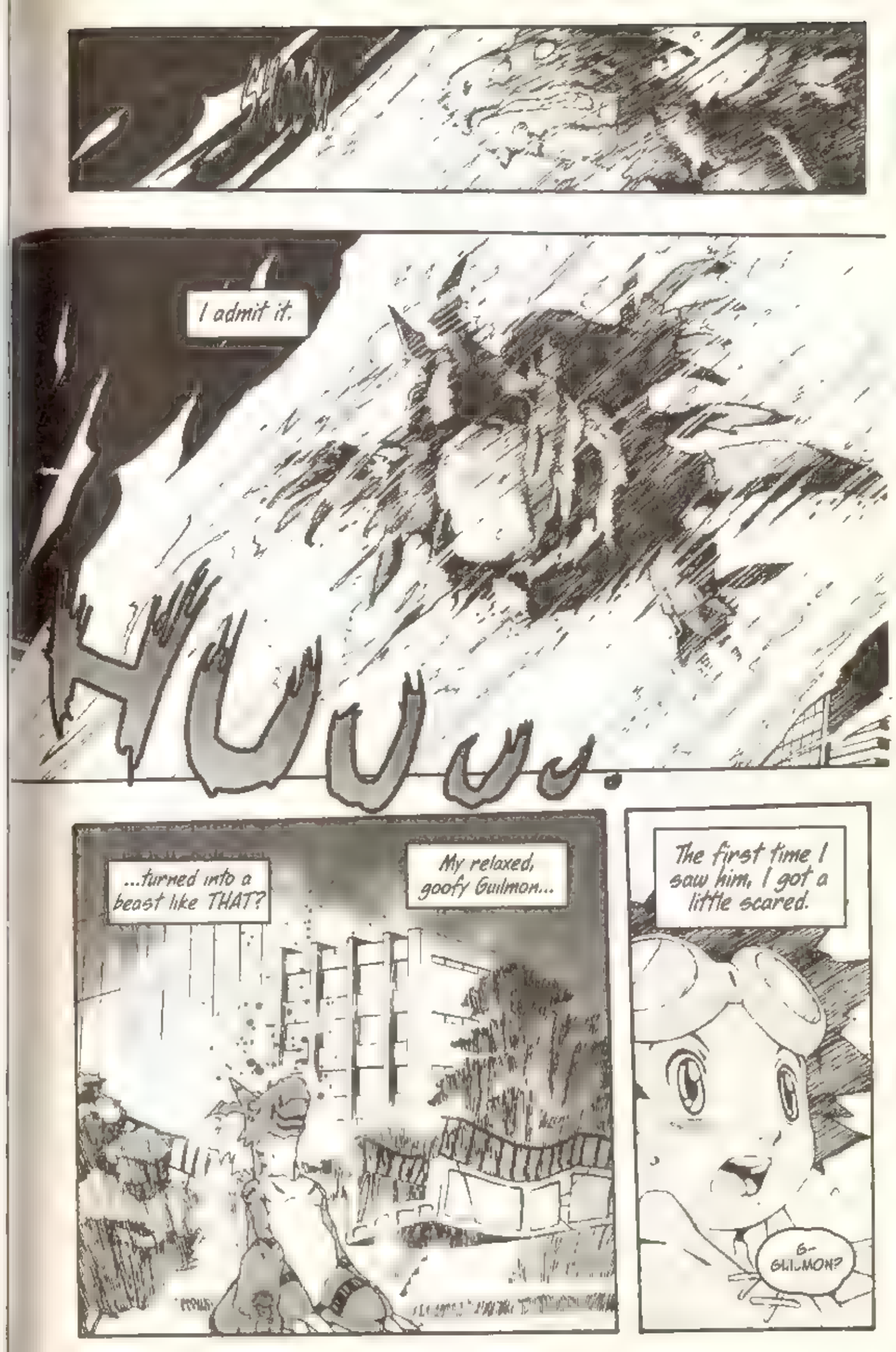
AH, CRUMBCAKE!

CHOOM

PYRO BLASTER!

GROWLMON SMASH! MRAAA!

GROWLMON


I admit it.
Hmm.
...turned into a beast like THAT?
My relaxed, goofy Guilmon...
The first time I saw him, I got a little scared.
G-Guilmon?

CHAPTER 6:
DAZED AND CONFUSED

UH, WHAT?

SINCE WE CAN KEEP HIM AMIDST THE TREES, A LITTLE CAMOUFLAGE WILL HELP HIM BLEND IN BETTER.

Y'see, at this point, I didn't know that Henry's usually right.

SORRY IN ADVANCE IF THIS TICKLES, BUDDY.

I CAN'T BREATHE WITH YOUR FOOTSTINK, BUT THAT'S OKAY MOUH MAHN TAIH!

Well...one BIG problem.

Thankfully, Growlmon was just as gentle as Guilmon and I had nothing to worry about. He just introduced one small problem

GROWLMON SORRY, TAKATO. NOT DE-DIGIVOLVE YET.

HOW VERY OOD.

BUT IT'S BEEN A DAY!

I'M SURE HE JUST NEEDS A LITTLE MORE TIME, TAKATO. FOR NOW, LET'S JUST WORRY ABOUT HIDING HIM.

2...
1...
3...
OKAY!
WOW. IT WORKED.
READY OR NOT, HERE WE COME!
I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE. SWEET!
YOU GUYS ARE WORSE THAN THAT DAVIS CHUMP ON TV.
OR "BIG DINOSAUR WE PA NTED GREEN."
THERE! WE SHOULD CALL IT, "DIGI-TREE IN REPOSE."
NOW WE'VE GOTTA TEST IT, GROWLMON. HIDE AND WE'LL GO LOOK FOR YOU.

AW, MAN. RAIN.

SAO

RA

HUH?

RIKA, CUT IT OUT! WE'RE JUST TRYING TO--

YOU'RE MAKING BEING A TAMER A BIG FAT JOKE.

I'LL FIND YOUR DINO.

JUST WATCH ME.

RENAMON, SHOW THESE GUYS THEIR LOSER PLANS FLUNK!

GOT IT.

OW!

FWOOSH

...sometimes it's the thought that counts.

YOU DE-DIGIVOLVED! ALL RIGHT!

TAKATO, LOOK AT GUILMON!

It may seem weird, but with our Digimon...

Surprisingly, the problem fixed itself.

bwee

HA HA HA!

HE USED HIS TEARS TO HELP HIS DIGIMON. THAT KID'LL BE A *GREAT* TAMER.

YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT TAKATO, RIKA.

THE GAME'S NOT EASY, Y'KNOW.

GOT IT?

FSSSH

FSSSH

UH-OH.

YOU'RE FAILING YOUR DIGIMON, TAMER.

I-I DIDN'T MEAN TO... I'M SORRY, GROWLMON. I'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT! I PROMISE!

WHO SAID THAT?

BE MY TAMER, LITTLE GIRL. I CAN TELL YOU *EVERYTHING.*

DO YOU WANT ANSWERS?

HUH?

UH... ARE YOU OKAY, KID?

WHO SAID WHAT?

Riko, unfortunately, still had problems of her own.

I DON'T GET IT. I THOUGHT A DIGIMON HAD TO BATTLE TO DIGIVOLVE.

THEY DON'T WORK THEIR BUTTS OFF LIKE WE DO. IT'S NOT FAIR!

BUT THEN WHY DID *THOSE* GUYS DIGIVOLVE LIKE RENAMON?

DON'T YOU RUN, PUNK! GET BACK HERE!

SHEESH. MUST BE THAT RAP MUSIC.

RIKA?

RIGHT. I GOTTA POSE LIKE THIS...

AND EACH CARD HELPS MODIFY YOUR DIGIMON SO HE CAN HELP HIMSELF. IT'S A TAMER FUNDAMENTAL.

GOT IT NOW?

..AND THEN GO SHA! RIGHT? AND THAT'LL LOOK COOL.

YOU'RE MISSING THE POINT, TAKATO.

UH...

YOU HAVE TO WORK AT IT.

A TAMER GUIDES AND AIDS HIS DIGIMON. IT'S WHAT "TAMER" MEANS.

LEAVE THAT FOOL RENAMON.

HEH HEH.

I CAN GIVE YOU *REAL* POWER.

ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANT?

ICEDEVIMON

REAL POWER...

SEE MY TROPHIES, TAMER.

UH, HEY. ICE.

WHA? IS ANOTHER DIGIMON LOOSE?

YOU WANT THE *STRONGEST* DIGIMON, DON'T YOU?

NO ONE COMBATS MY POWER.

JOIN ME, GIRL.

RENAMON, IS THAT ALL I WANT?

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, RIKA!

GUILMON, TERRIERMON, HELP HER!

MRAA!

THAT LOSER'S GOT A HEART OF ICE!

I'M BUSY. GO COOL OFF.

RENAMON, HELP!

AH! L-LET GO OF ME, SLEEZE! I'M NOT PAIRING UP WITH A NUTSO LIKE YOU!

HA HA HA!

NNGH...

AGH!

BACK OFF. SHE'S MINE NOW!

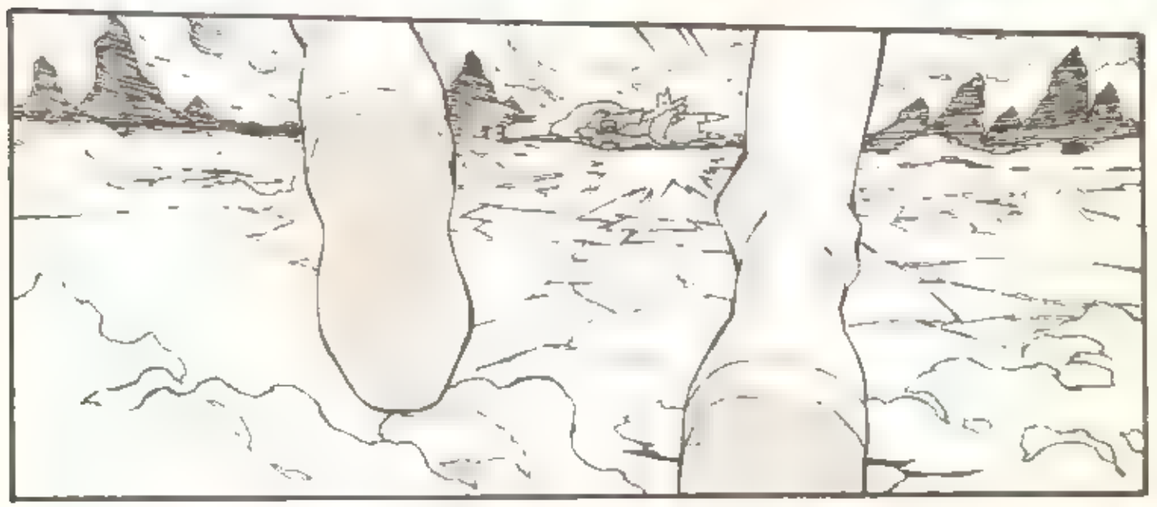
BOOOM

PA

IS SOMEONE TROUBLING MY TAMER?

DIAMOND STORM!

R-RIKA...



YOU'RE ALWAYS FALLING SHORT, RENAMON. THIS FAILURE IS YOUR LAST!

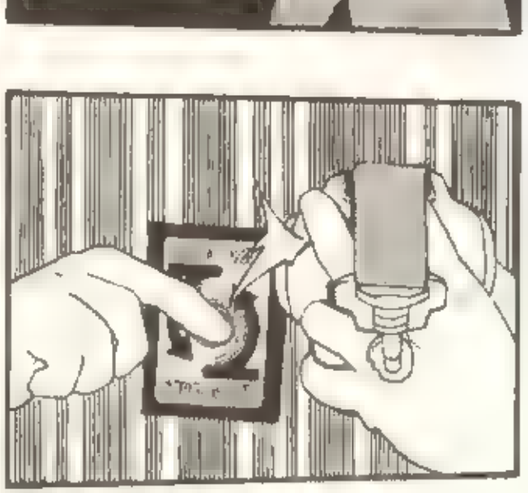
RENAMON! NO!

CHAPTER 7:

FREEING THE DIGIVOLUTION CONVOLUTION

PWOOM

DIGI-MODIFY! EXPANSION ACTIVATE!



CRACK

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF, TAMER.

I'M HERE...

...FOR YOU.

WHAT DID YOU CALL ME?

STAY BACK, FROSTY. I ALREADY HAVE RENAMON AND I DON'T NEED YOU!

REMEMBER THE MODIFY CARDS, TAKATO?! LET'S GO!

NOW WHAT?

PYRO SPHERE!

BOOM

GUILMON, ARE YOU OKAY? SPEAK TO ME!

HOW NAUGHTY!

WHAT?

SSSS...

BLAST.

TERRIER TORNADO!

BOOM

AAAGH!

MELT HIM DOWN TO SIZE, GROWLMON!

CHOOOOM

YAY, IT'S TIME TO GLOW! I *LOVE* THIS PART.

EVOLUTION

beep beep

DIGIVOLUTION!

TERRIERMON, COULDN'T YOU HAVE JUST STAYED HOME?

CUTE TOY.

HAVE MERCY ON ME, HENRY. YOUR SISTER LOVES WITH FURY!

I GUESS YOUR CUTENESS BRINGS OUT A WE RD SIDE IN PEOPLE.

THAT LOOKS LIKE A DIGIMON ENTRY!

HUH?

And so another disaster was averted, and all it took was a little sobbing.

HE DIGIVOLVED AGAIN.

HMPH.

YOU OKAY, RENAMON?

WHATEVER.

DOESN'T BOTHER ME.

I USED TO THINK THERE WAS NO LIMIT TO HER POWER, BUT I GUESS I WAS WRONG.

SHE LOST AGAIN. MY RENAMON *LOST* AGAIN.

HNN.

BUT HENRY...

AW, MAN.

I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU.

I YOU.

I'M THE STRONGEST DIGIMON, SO WHY CAN'T I SEEM TO SUCCEED?

LET ME AT THE PUNKER, HENRY. I'M RILED!

WHAT DID I SAY ABOUT FIGHTING? YOU'VE FORGOTTEN EVERYTHING I'VE TAUGHT YOU!

BUT I HAVE TO DIGIVOLVE, HENRY! I'LL LOSE MY POWERS IF I DON'T!

I DON'T CARE. I WON'T LET YOU GET HURT IN SOME RANDOM BATTLE!

...but we still had to work together against the incoming threats. It's hard to debate theory when trouble keeps knocking.

We all felt different about our Digimon, that was for sure. We hadn't agreed to disagree...

KA-BOOM

ANOTHER ONE?

MRA!

YOU AND RIKA HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM, RENAMON. IT'S NOT ABOUT FIGHTING-- IT'S ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP.

I CARE ABOUT TERRIERMON, DEEPLY.

BUT UNLIKE RIKA, I WON'T LET MY DIGIMON FIGHT.

GET REAL, LITTLE BOY.

NOT LET A DIGIMON FIGHT.

DIGI-MODIFY!

CAN I GO, HENRY?

SAVE HER, TERRIERMON! NOW!

Plus, WE were lucky enough to get trouble in the shape of giant monsters.

HNN.

MUSYAMON

Necessity is the mother of invention.

I'M SCARED, MAMA! MAKE THE BAD MAN GO AWAY!

BAMMY BAMMY BAM BAM!

PA PA PA

YOU DARE CHALENGE ME, RABBIT?

YOU DIE.

YAY! I'M A LIVING PLOT DEVICE!

LA LA LA...

EVOLUTION

DIGIVOLUTION!

I SAW IT! I SAW A REAL DIGIMON!

ARE YOU OKAY, KID?

FSSSSH

GREAT JOB, HENRY!

MAYBE TERRIERMON CAN DIGIVOLVE... EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.

I GUESS SO.

YAH!

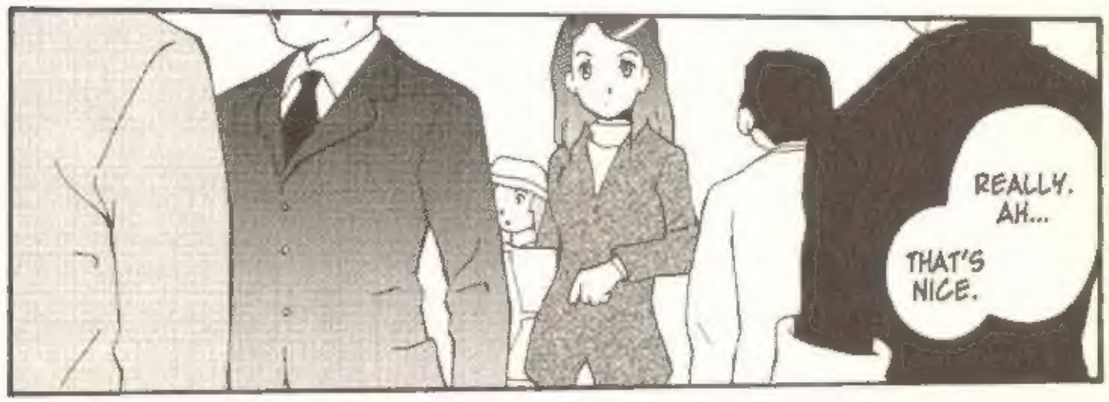
NNGH.

PAHAHA!

HAVE A NICE TRIP, SEE YOU NEXT FALL.

HEADS UP!

A DIGIMON! A DIGIMON SAVED ME, MAMA!
A WHAT?


REALLY. AH...
THAT'S NICE.

But we had a long way to go, and our problems were just beginning.
Being a Tamer isn't just about believing one thing or another. It's about learning and adjusting for the sake of everyone else.
Middle paths were starting to open up in front of us. If Henry could compromise, maybe Rika could, too.
WATCH IT, CHILDREN. PLAYING WITH FIRE...
...WILL GET YOU BURNED.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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TWO WORLDS COLLIDE AS THE RIFT BETWEEN THE DIGITAL WORLD AND EARTH GROWS UNSTABLE. WHILE MORE AND MORE DIGIMON START MARKING THEIR TERRITORY ON EARTH, THE TECHNOLOGY INVESTIGATION BUREAU ENFORCES SOME BIG-BROTHERLY RULE (AND WE DON'T MEAN BROTHERLY LOVE). AS MORE SECRETS ABOUT THE REAL DIGIMON ARE REVEALED, THREE NEW PLAYERS GET PULLED INTO THE TAMER RING.

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